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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, clean copies of the amended paragraphs are provided here, and marked-up copies of the amended paragraphs are provided in Appendix A.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 10 to page 10, line 21 with the following paragraph:

-- Figure 1 is a plan view of a diaper-type absorbent garment, shown with the effects of elastics removed for clarity;

AI Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the garment of Figure 1, as viewed from reference line AA;

Figure 3 is a partially cut away side view of a system for dry forming absorbent cores and other structures and machinery according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention,